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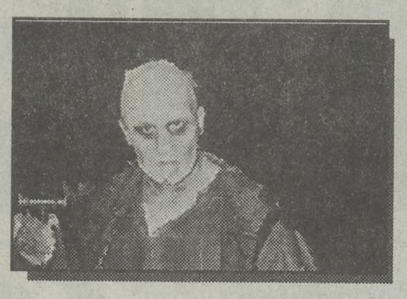

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Valley, East L.A. victims of break-in

By ALEXIS SCALICE
STAR REPORTER

The East Los Angeles College football team lost more than the game at Saturday night's Homecoming at Valley.

At some point after half time, an unknown suspect broke into Valley's mens gym and stole a number of personal belongings from East LA football players, said Campus Police Captain Michael T. Habicht.

Cash, jewelry, pagers, shoes, clothing and credit cards were among the list of stolen items said East L.A. football coach Rick Gamboa. The total value of everything taken, however, has not been determined, Gamboa said.

Habicht said Valley is working with Captain Okawa at East LA, who will eventually send the amount stolen.

The thief may have used a table underneath a gym window to break in, Habicht said.

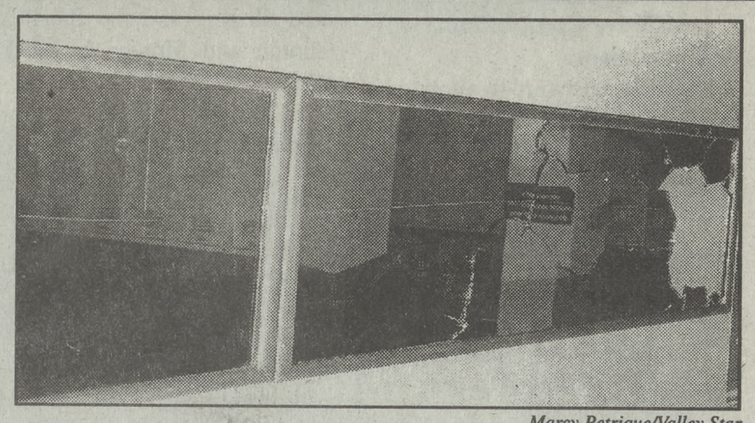
However, there were no foot prints on the table or scuff marks in the dirt, he said.

"It was probably an opportunist who found an unlocked door," said Habicht.

Between 11:00 and 11:10 p.m. the men's gym underwent even more damage as the locker room mirrors and the trophy case was smashed. Old trophies and shattered glass pieces covered the gym floors. A broken wooden chair was also among the mess.

Habicht said it was over $400 worth of vandalism, and there are no suspects at this time.

Officer Jeff Heier, one of the two officers patrolling the campus during Homecoming, filed the report. Habicht said Heier heard a window break after the game.



Marcy Petrique/Valley Star

The condition of the men's gym locker room mirrors after Saturday's vandalism.

"We don't know if East LA did the break in or the vandalism," said Habicht. "There is no case at this point, unless someone comes forward. It's still under investigation."

The cost for damages will most likely come from Valley's school budget said Habicht.

"We [East LA] have no knowledge of who was involved in the subsequent vandalism of the gym," said Rick Gamboa.

In the future, Gamboa said he plans on using secured bags or suggest to the team to leave most of their valuables at home.

Golden Homecoming at Valley

By DENNIS SANCHEZ
STAR REPORTER

The week long festivities of homecoming came to an end with the game and parade on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

The crowd was treated to a high-scoring back-and-forth football game, raffle prizes were given out by the

Associated Student Union and Valley College's baseball team, the parade, and the crowning of the homecoming court.

To open the parade, whose theme was "Solid Gold" in recognition of Valley College's 50th anniversary, was Tim Knappen. He performed feats of strength and balance by planting a handstand on a crossbar of the field goal post. There the 49-year-old track coach held his position for about one minute as the crowd watched and waited for the floats.

As the parade began Yasmin Delahoussaye, dean of student affairs, announced the arrival of the floats and explained the various their various themes.

Delahoussaye along with the ASU members organized the homecoming events.

The float leading the parade were the Valley College cheerleaders who rode on the back of the fire truck. They were followed by another fire truck in which the ASU executives rode in and reminded the crowd that the ASU has a "brand new look."

Then came the Grand Marshall of the parade Austin Conover waving to the crowd.

Then came Tau Alpha Epsilon, the honor society swooping down on their time machine with music from the X-Files soundtrack showing Valley College's past, present, and future. In TAE's float was Marty the Monarch, a great relative of the first Valley College president.

Marteena Tamayo/ Valley Star

Valley College cheerleaders show their spirit at the pep rally done in anticipation for the homecoming game.

Following them was the Mecha float which had a big golden pyramid and a display of the outfits that the Hispanic community has displayed through the decades.

The Valley Collegiate Players float was a giant television set with two people inside straight out from a 1949 black and white television show.

Other clubs that were also present with displays were the Black Student Union, the Spirit Club, and the American Political culture Club. Also at the game was Ulysses S. Grant High school's marching band.

At the tail end were the homecoming court candidates and then the winners were announced.

The prince and princess were the runners up to the king and queen. The winner for prince was Brent Rosen and for princess Priscilla Letona. The king crowned was Ted Peszynski and the queen was Kimberly Paige.

Leading to Saturday night's festivities was Friday's pep rally held at Monarch Square at noon in which the marching band from Grant high school and the cheerleaders from Valley College performed.

The events began on Oct. 21 with a homecoming spirit day in which various clubs participated at Monarch Square.

Clubs participating were Mecha who was selling nachos, VCP had a candy shack set up, and TAE was selling baked goods. The Pepsi truck was also there giving away prizes and playing music.

CAMPUS SCENE

○MUSEUM MEETING

There will be a museum association meeting lecture on "Saving a Valley Historical Landmark" on Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. in the cafeteria Conference Room.

○UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Students interested in transferring in Fall '99 need to apply during November for admission to the UC campuses. There will be a workshop that will help students:

•complete application forms
•answer question about intersegmental general education transfer curriculum (IGETC) or CSU certification
•understand the application/ transfer process

The workshop will be held in Administration Room 126 on Nov. 3 from 2 to 3 p.m.

○QUIT SMOKING

The Student Health Center and the American Cancer Society will have a conference on how to quit smoking and to help those around you. The conference will be on Nov. 4 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Campus Center 104.

○RETIREE ASSOCIATION

For the first time ever Los Angeles Valley College will ignite a retiree association on Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Anyone who is retiring from Valley College is invited to this meeting.

○JAZZ BAND

The LAVC Jazz Band will perform, directed by Woody James on Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. in Music Room 112.

For the record...

•In the last issue of the *Valley Star* on Sports page 7 in the water polo story , Stephanie Hammer was incorrectly named as Melissa Hammer.

•Director Ned Moore was misquoted in the Entertainment page of issue number 14 in "The Jewish Wife" story which was written "Fourteen million Jews were slaughtered by the Nazis." This figure represents the total number of all civilians killed by the Nazis and their collaborators during World War II.

Do you know something we should know? If so call the Valley Star with news tips at (818) 947-2576.

College information day gives answers

By DENNIS SANCHEZ
STAR REPORTER

Recruiters from various major and small four-year universities of California as well as several trade and specialty schools were at the College and University Information Day on Oct. 26 at Monarch Square from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Many representatives from schools came to Valley College to expose their campuses to the students at Valley College in order to provide various information. There was information on housing, location, tuition, scholarships available, majors offered at the schools, requirements and any other information that students may want to know.

"It went well we had good representation from the different type of universities," Barbara Goldberg, Career/ Transfer center director and organizer of the event. "The student turn out was not as high as I hoped."

At the fair students were given the option to transfer and a more accurate decision about what school they should transfer to

"It's very valuable information ," said Valley College student Janson Revelo.

Major California schools from the UC system were present at the fair, as well as the Cal State system. Such as California State University Los Angeles, California State University Northridge and California State University Sacramento.

There were also lesse known institutions such as, California State University San Marcos, Mount St.Mary's College, Antiouch University, Loyola University, and University of Judaism.

Joseph Anthony Mercado/ Valley Star

Valley College student Annette Lemmo gets information on colleges.

Election 98 analysis

By Magic Toppin
STAR REPORTER

Elections '98 are upon us and the voter turnout will be weak again because of all the political mud-slinging and the President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky affair.

Gray Davis leads Dan Lungren in the race for governor by eleven points. Lungren has trailed the polls because of his conservative views.

Barbara Boxer and Matt Fong are in a dead heat for the Senate race as the clock winds down. However, Boxer has taken some criticism about not speaking up about the Clinton-Lewinsky affair.

Cruz H. Bustamante and Tim Leslie face off for the seat Gray Davis left vacant in the race for governor, the Lieutenant Governor's office.

Proposition 5 and Proposition 10 are a toss up as Indian Gaming and the Tobacco surtax have Californians up in a tail-spin.

The numbers are tight in both races and it will be determined on election day whether or not both propositions will pass.

November 3rd the polls will be open at 7 a.m. and they will close at 8 p.m..

Gray Davis

"As Governor, my top priority will be to dramatically improve our public.schools."

Barbara Boxer

"I want to prepare our kids for the jobs of the future."

Cruz H. Bustamante

"As Assembly speaker, I led Democrats to cut college tuition."

Dan Lungren

"As Governor, I will appoint common sense judges who recognize the rights of victims"

Matt Fong

"We need to overhaul the IRS and replace our tax system."

Tim Leslie

"I co-authored the Three Strikes and the Hertberg-Leslie Witness Protection Act."

Proposed California Laws

Proposition 1

Property Taxes: Contaminated Property: Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Directs Legislature to allow repair or replacement of environmentally contaminated property or structures as defined, without increasing the tax valuation of the original or replacement property.

Proposition 2

Transportation: Funding Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Designates local transportation funds as trust funds and prohibits abolition of all such funds created by law.

Proposition 3

Partisan Presidential Primary Elections: Legislative Initiative Amendment.

Restricts voting of such partisan ballots to members of the particular political party.

Proposition 4

Trapping Practices. Bans Use of Specified Traps and Animal Poisons: Initiative Statute.

Prohibits use of steel-jawed leghold traps on wildlife mammals and dogs and cats except for padded steel-jawed traps used by government officials where it is the only way to protect human health and safety.

Proposition 5

Tribal-State Gaming Compacts: Tribal Casinos. Initiative Statue.

Permits gambling devices and lotteries at tribal casinos. Amends California law to allow slot machines and banked care games at tribal casinos.

Proposition 6

Criminal Law. Prohibition on Slaughter of Horses and Sale of Horse meat for Human Consumption: Initiative Statue.

Adds a provision making the sale of horse meat for human consumption a misdemeanor offense, with subsequent violations punished as felonies.

Proposition 7

Air quality Improvement, Tax Credits: Initiative Statute.

Requires study of air quality market-based incentive program for prescribed burning projects.

Proposition 8

Public Schools. Permanent Class Reduction. Parent-Teacher Councils. Teacher Credentials. Public Suspension for Drug Possession. Chief Inspector's Office: Initiative Statute.

Funding eligibility requires each school to establish a governing council of parents/teachers. council.

Proposition 9

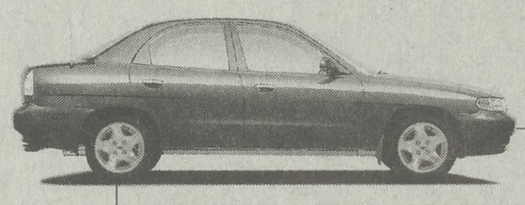
Electric Utilities. Assessments. Bonds: Initiative Statute

Prohibits assessment of utility tax, bond payments or surcharges for payment of costs of nuclear power plants/relates assets.

Proposition 10

State and County Early Childhood Development Programs. Additional Tobacco Surtax: Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statue

Creates state commission to provide information and materials and to formulate guidelines for establishment of comprehensive early childhood development and smoking prevention programs.



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Home Coming

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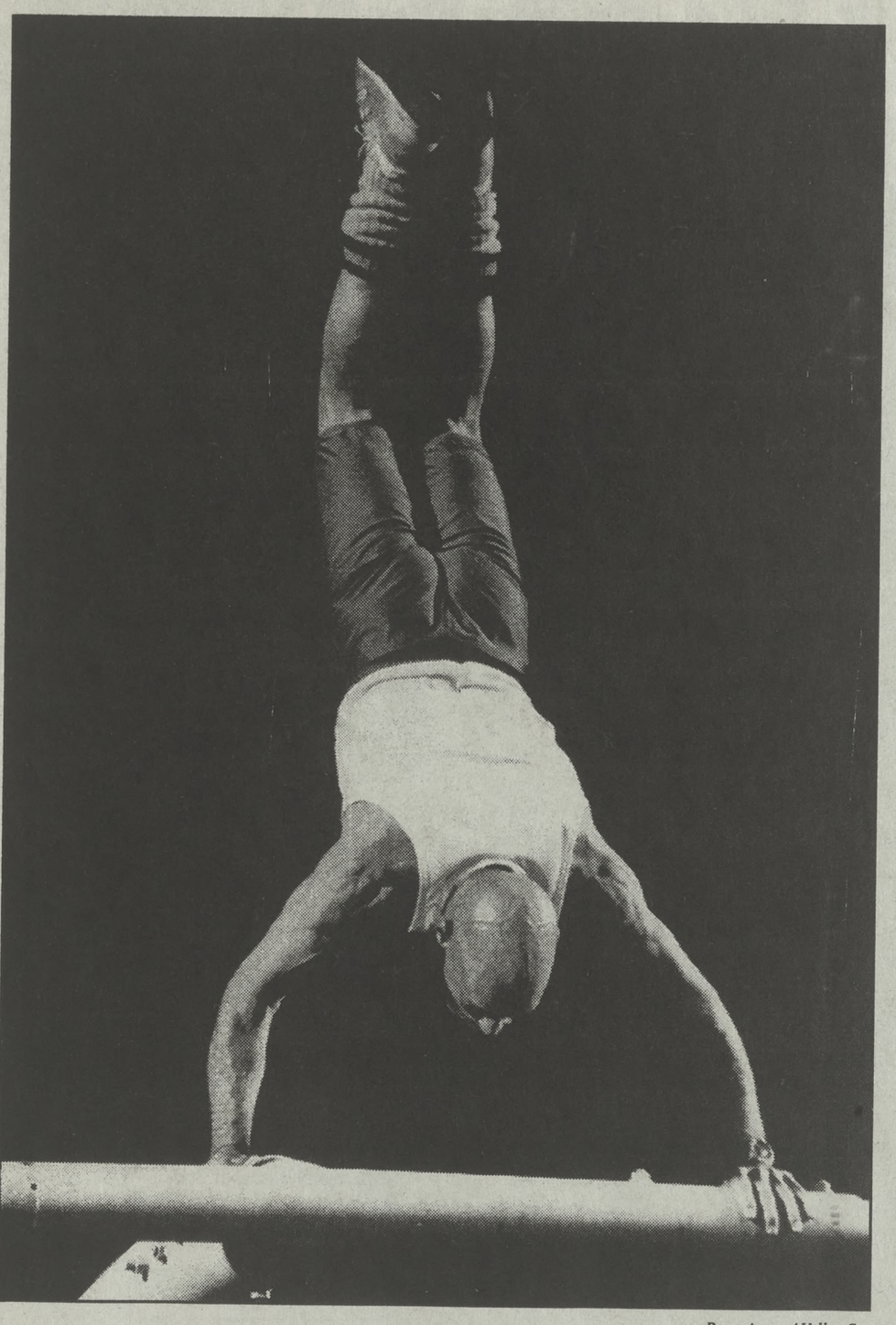
This year's homecoming Grand Marshal Austin Conover of the Valley College Historical Museum, waves to fans at the football game while riding in a mustang.



Rony Armas/ Valley Star

Track Coach Tim Knappen amazed the audience doing his annual showing of balancing skills during the half time show. At age 49, Knappen still performs a flawless hand stand.

Eric Maas/ Valley Star

Leslie Chennon of VCP, prepares for the float judging and homecoming half time parade.

Homecoming 98

Clubs on campus took part in Homecoming by preparing floats for the parade during half-time at Saturday's football game.

Valley Collegiate Players, who won first place for their float, displayed a gigantic cardboard television. Two members painted their faces black and white to signify a 1949 television show.

MECHA's float was a golden pyramid, while various members dressed ethnically and cheered as they passed by Valley fans. They won second place.

Tau Alpha Epsilon won third place with their rendition of a time machine. Hordes of green and gold decorations covered their float as smoke escaped from the rear of the float.

Black Student Union and the Spirit Club also rode around the track waving pom-pons at fans.

The Pep Squad and ASU alarmed fans as they pulled up in fire engines yelling out cheers and throwing various spirit paraphernalia into the stands.

Eric Maas/ Valley Star

Leading this 1998 Homecoming Court are King Ted Peszinsky and Queen Kimberly Paige.

Editorial. . .

Stress: this generation's biggest challenge

It is out there. Watch out, for it has attacked every living human being and continues to strike again and again.

Careful! There is no cure for this thriving epidemic, just advice on how to keep it from controlling one's mental state.

But there are still those unfortunate individuals who let it choke their life away.

Bills, car payments, school, full time jobs, family, and relationships are all variables that attract this ferocious every day biological and mental turmoil haunting society.

This generation appears to be greatly affected by it. In fact, the staff that is standing behind this article, are all true victims to the almighty phenomena of STRESS!!!

Who can honestly say that stress has never entered their life? Even the Waltons and Beaver Cleaver experienced stress.

Pimples, gray hairs, headaches, stomach aches, ulcers, and even heart problems are all consequences of this problematic fact of life.

What nost of society does not know is stress is not always related to the negative areas of life. A surprise birthday party, weddings, births, and other joyous events also cause stress to the human body. According to the written document, "How to Survive Unbearable STRESS," by Steven Burns MD, "to your body, stress is synonymous with change.

Anything that causes a change in one's life causes stress. It doesn't matter if it is a good change or a bad change."

Therefore, stress comes and goes as it pleases. Where there is change, count on stress accompanying it.

What does stressed out Sam do when his deadline is in an hour and he's not even half way done with his assignment? Imagine the thoughts and feelings Sam has as he begins to pull out his hair, fighting back the urge to throw his computer out the door and watch it smash into a thousand pieces.

Then there's nervous Nellie who lost her job and cries every ten minutes. These are not healthy mental or emotional states, however nine out of ten students on this campus can most likely relate to those situations.

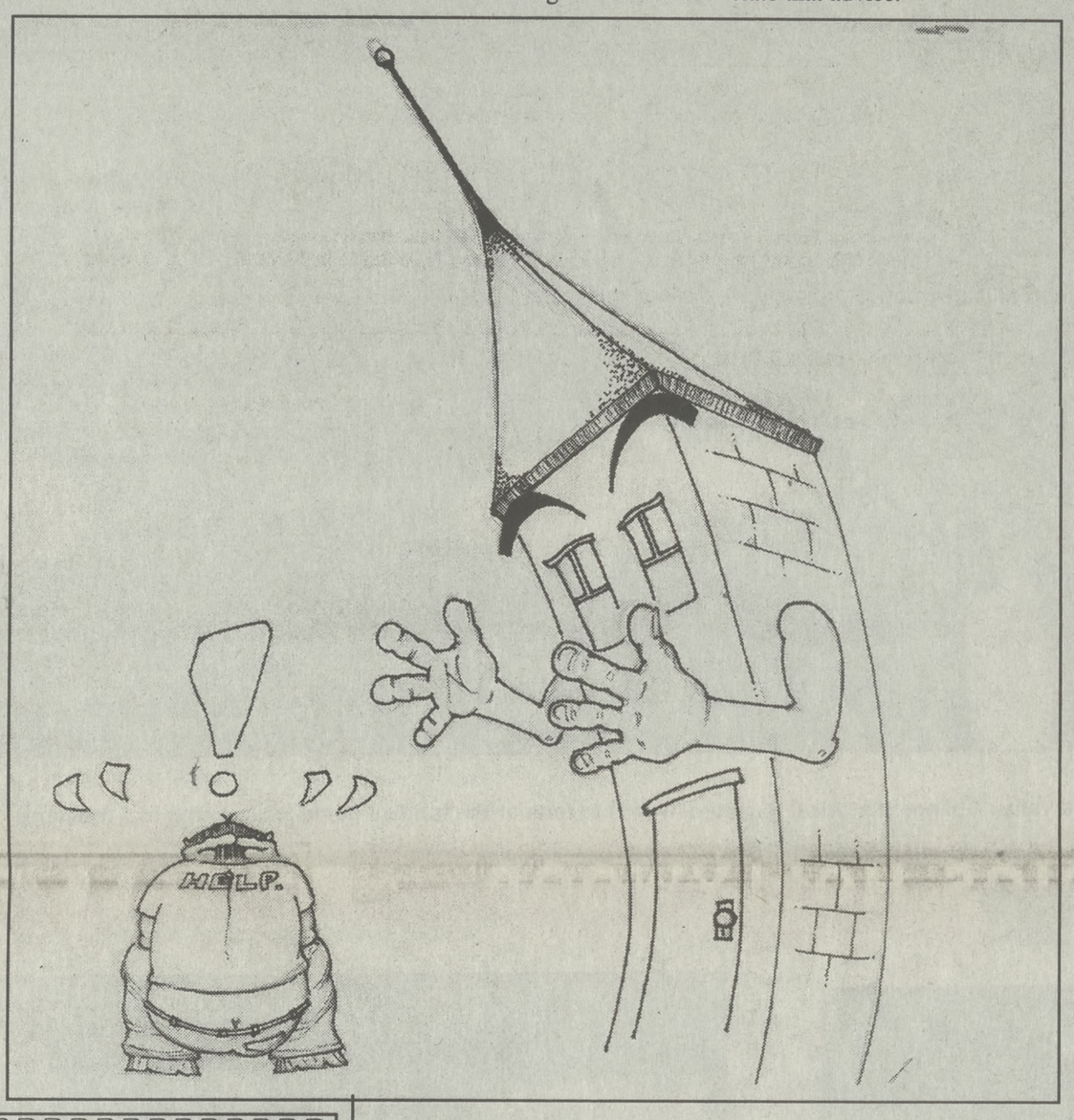
Ironically, the best way to reduce stress deals with the major cause of it, change.

The Atlanta Reproductive Health Centre advises stress victims to first become aware of the stressors that cause emotional or physical reactions.

Next recognize the stressors that can be changed in order to decrease the intensity.

Most importantly do not consider stress a normal factor of life. It can be deadly. Suicide, heart attacks, high blood pressure, etc. can be the end results of unrecognized stress. Keep this article in your bathroom, on the refrigerator, in the car or any place it can be found easily when stress attacks.

Remember to take stress seriously, because it does not play games. Your body would appreciate that advice.

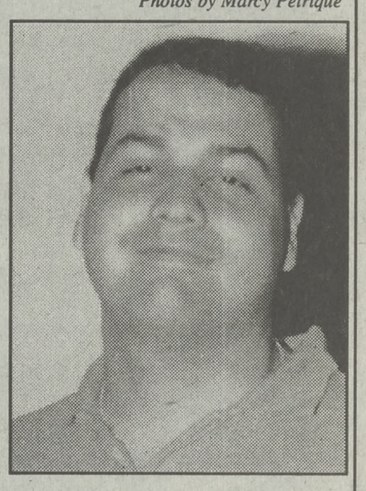


How do you relieve your stress?

Photos by Marcy Petrique

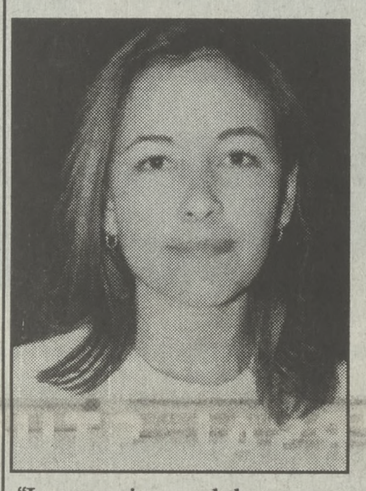
"Smoke and sex. You forget about everything that way."

— Sue L.
Psychology Major



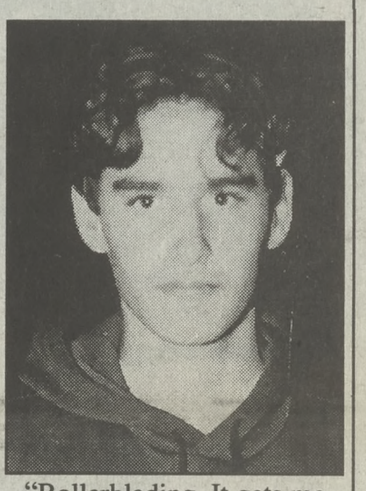
"I go and exercise. I like to swim and that energizes me again."

—Albert Merida
Respiratory Therapy Major



"I go running, and that can help me sleep and make me feel a whole lot better."

— Claudia Melara
Evening Student



"Rollerblading. It gets me away from whatever is stressing me."

—Bryan Norgard
Evening Student

Letters to the Editor

The fate of up to 10,000 California horses annually will be decided by California voters November 3.

Proposition 6, which bans the slaughter of the state's horses for human gourmet consumption overseas, is a long awaited remedy for an unimaginably cruel practice.

Because Americans are understandably appalled at the thought of butchering animals bred and trained to love and trust human beings, horse killer buyers often use fraud, theft and other treachery to procure horses.

Horse slaughter itself is so gruesome, painful and prolonged, Prop 6 commercials which showed a modified version of the process were censored by all television networks.

This November 3, I urge students, staff and faculty to join the state's major law enforcement groups, horse organizations, celebrities, district attorneys, and others in voting 'yes' on Prop 6!

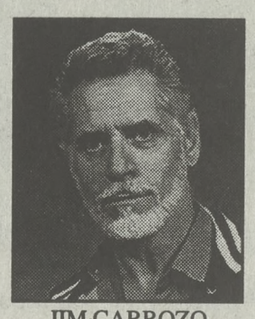
Kit Paraventi
LAVC Instructor, Broadcasting Department

What's Your Opinion?

The Valley Star would love to receive and, if possible, publish your letters. The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 250 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist or sexually oriented denigration. Letters must be signed and include student's ID number.Letters may be left with the Valley Star at BJ 114 by Friday morning for the following thursday. Letters will also be picked up from our three mailboxes attached to three of our yellow news stands, or E-mail to VSTAR@laccd.cc.ca.us.

The Senior Freshman. . .

John Glenn: 'A man for all seniors'



JIM CARROZO
STAR REPORTER

John Glenn's return to space yesterday points to a change in attitude about the sixty something set. He has become the 21st century poster boy for Senior Achievement.

His journey symbolizes a new direction for the dreams and aspirations of millions of senior citizens.

When I was young "Ageism" wasn't an issue. It wasn't even a word. Age implied wisdom. At worst, a 50 year old was considered old fashioned. Today, they're often seen as obsolete.

And yet older men and women today are less sedentary than their parents or even the average fifteen year old. They eat better, exercise more and can often out perform their younger counterparts with or without Viagra.

The first experience I had with age discrimination, minor though it was, was when I applied for a position as Cruise Director for a major cruise line. I was clearly over qualified for the position, and when "Willie Whippersnapper," the new, "just finished my last scantron" personnel director, asked how old I was, I dodged the specifics with my usual semantic agility, and answered with a question, "How does fifty sound?," I asked . (I was 55 at the time).

With the intellectual prowess of a spam sandwich he said, "Wow! that old? I mean gee! Not that that's *too* old but it's really a high energy job and I don't know. I mean, like, do you think you have the stamina?"

I swallowed my instinct to verbally demolish him, realizing that he'd probably only know about 50% of the words I'd use, and instead I assured him that I was indeed up to the task. He condescended to give me a two week trial.

I made straight for the dye bottle, shaved my white beard and, looking 40, sailed away. By the time my roots showed, it was obvious that I had set the pace for my staff of three, whose combined age equalled mine, and they were working hard to keep up with me.

Three years later I was still sailing. Young Whippersnapper on the other hand wound up in rehab one night when he tried to stick his head into a wine bottle.....and it fit.

But now things are looking up. Literally. The young people I meet, particularly my freshman classmates, seem to have a much greater appreciation of what age has to offer. And the executives now in charge see their own middle age clearly enough to have already started gearing their ad campaigns toward the "new" older woman and man.

So hang in there all you coot, codgers and fogies. Little Johnny Glenn is back in town and it's time to say "'God speed' again". He has taken one more small step for man and one giant leap for his senior brothers and sisters everywhere.

From my Email File: C. Gomez hopes we'll vote "YES" on PROP 6, which would ban the slaughter of horses for human consumption overseas.

I feel if the law doesn't let us kill and eat our dogs and cats, then how can we, in good conscience, allow our horses, who are also pets, to be killed just to satisfy the perverted palates of Europe? Seems like a "no brainer" to me. "Let those among you who would eat their horse, cast the first vote." YUK! THAT LEAVES ME OUT!

Whatever the issue however, the bottom line is to exercise your right and get to the Polls on November 3rd.

Your comments are invited so please Email me at SrFresh@aol.com.

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THE BEST PLACES TO HAUNT THIS HALLOWEEN

By JOHN MAROT AND ANITA TORRES
SPOOKY REPORTERS

Youthful spirits take flight every October 31st, racing door to door for their share of Halloween loot.

"Trick-or-treat!" is the cry heard from the hordes of costumed creatures as they open their bags wide in anticipation of their sugary bounty.

Nestle's Crunch, Reese's Pieces, Snickers Bars, Tootsie Rolls, Candy Corn, and even the occasional and quickly discarded box of raisins are the rewards for this night-long trek through the neighborhood.

It's great fun for little kids, but college students are frowned upon when they dress up and join in on the trick-or-treating festivities.

Luckily, this dilemma has been recognized by the local amusement parks who have created another option for Halloween fun besides staying home and passing out candy.

Knott's Berry Farm gets a make-over this time of year and is transformed into Knott's Scary Farm complete with spooky spider webs and artificial fog for their Halloween Haunt. Magic Mountain undergoes a similar metamorphosis with their annual "Fright Fest." Also, this year Universal Studios has Halloween Horror Nights II.

These are the places where both the young and the young at heart can have loads of Halloween fun.

A unique cast of monsters roam each of these parks, lurking around every corner, ready to pop out and scare the bejeezus out of anyone who dares cross their path.

There's food, souvenirs, and glow-in-the-dark items for sale all around. The parks even have special live stage shows that are produced just for the occasion and if that's not enough, visitors can always get a scare from the rides and roller coasters that run year-round.

The following is a rundown on these horrifying places that will help you decide how to spend a happy Halloween.

Rony Armas/Valley Star

A monstrous spider waits atop Colossus welcoming visitors to Magic Mountain's Fright Fest.

Knott's Scary Farm Halloween Haunt

- **Price:** $39 ($34 with presale purchase)
- **Haunting Hours:** 7p.m. to 2 a.m.
- **Star Scare Rating:** Very scary!
- **Web Site:** www.halloweenhaunt.com
- **Main Attractions:** Elvira's Haunted House Party live stage show and Alien Attack! maze.

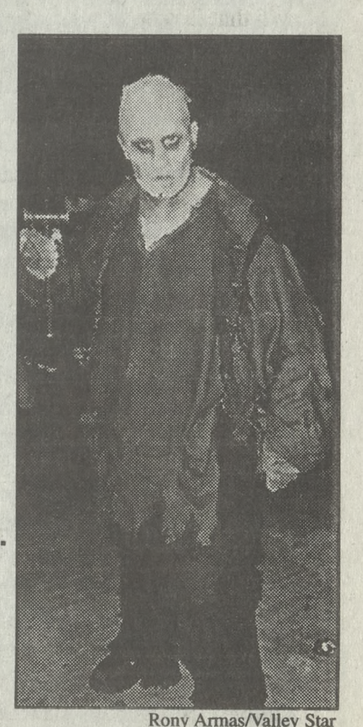
Magic Mountain's Fright Fest

- **Price:** $36 ($25 with coupon from Carl's Jr.)
- **Haunting Hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Star Scare Rating:** Not very scary.
- **Web Site:** www.sixflags.com
- **Main Attractions:** Colossus runs backwards, Batman without lights, and a lazer light show.

Universal's Halloween Horror Nights II

- **Price:** $34 ($24 with coupon from Burger King)
- **Haunting Hours:** 5 p.m. to 10p.m.
- **Star Scare Rating:** Pretty scary.
- **Web Site:** www.universalstudios.com
- **Main Attractions:** Clive Barker's FREAKZ maze, Jurassic Park in the Dark, and the Ultimate Tribute to KISS.

Here's one of the many ghoulish creatures just dying to make your acquaintance at one of the spooky, haunted Southern Californian theme parks this Halloween. Plan on bringing an extra pair of underware!



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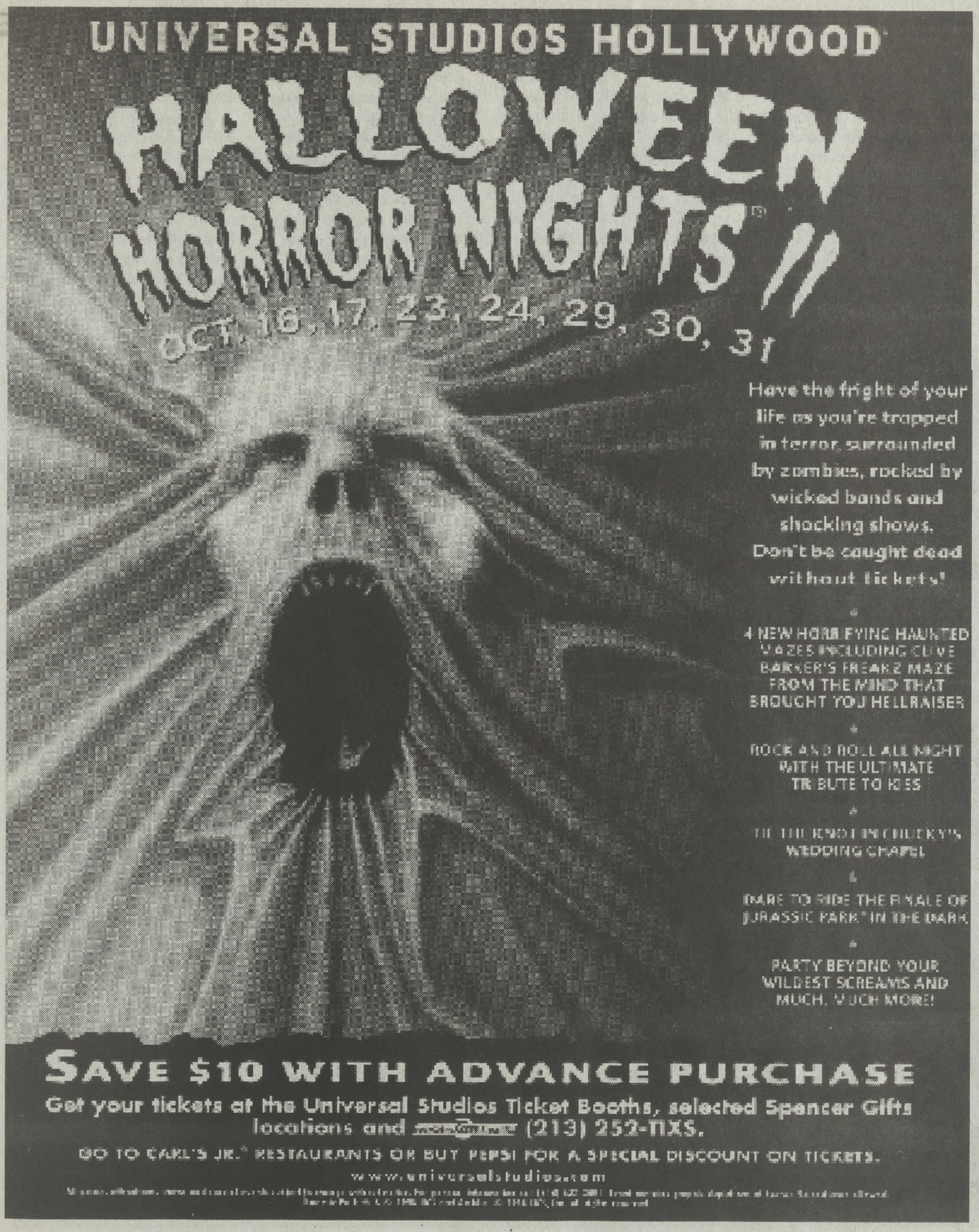
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HALLOWEEN GRAMS

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From Malik

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Love, John

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Dear Maims,
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I love you, Buns.

Happy Halloween Marissa Beltram.
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From Malik

Jason
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To my sweet and kind daughter Kimberly Paige. Congratulations on winning your crown at homecoming.
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POLYANNA plays from the heart

By ALEXIS SCALICE
STAR REPORTER

There was a small group of lucky students yesterday who caught the energetic entertainment provided by the modern rock band POLYANNA.

Despite the apathetic student body, the lively quartet, who performed in the courtyard next to Monarch Hall as part of the Free Concert Series, continued to play their music that eventually drew in various students and teachers walking by.

"I liked the music," said Valley College student Elmer Bracaamonte. "I liked the bass, guitar, the drums, I liked everything."

Most of the listening audience began shaking their heads by the second song performed, "Beautiful Day." Lead singer Courage truly interacts with his listeners through his alluring voice and majestic movements while performing.

"I think about the emotional places where the songs come from," said Courage. " I'm not always aware of what's going on in front of the band."

Courage said he was not disappointed about the small turn out. "We play hard whether in front of one person or 8,000," said Courage. " I'm happy if one person listens."

POLYANNA played songs from their first album and upcoming one as well.

"Kissing Worms" caught my attention. The creative lyrics combined with their synchronized chaotic spirit separates POLYANNA from other bands.

Drummer Jerry Vidal is unforgettable. His charismatic presence on stage is a show in itself. As his head bangs in every direction, he guides his drumsticks dynamically across the drum set he's had since ninth grade.

Jerry said his animated nature "is something for the kids."

" I like to feel it [music] and have fun," said Vidal. "That's the biggest part about being a musician."

A new addition to the band is Bassist Jamie Lau, who joined POLYANNA about a month ago.

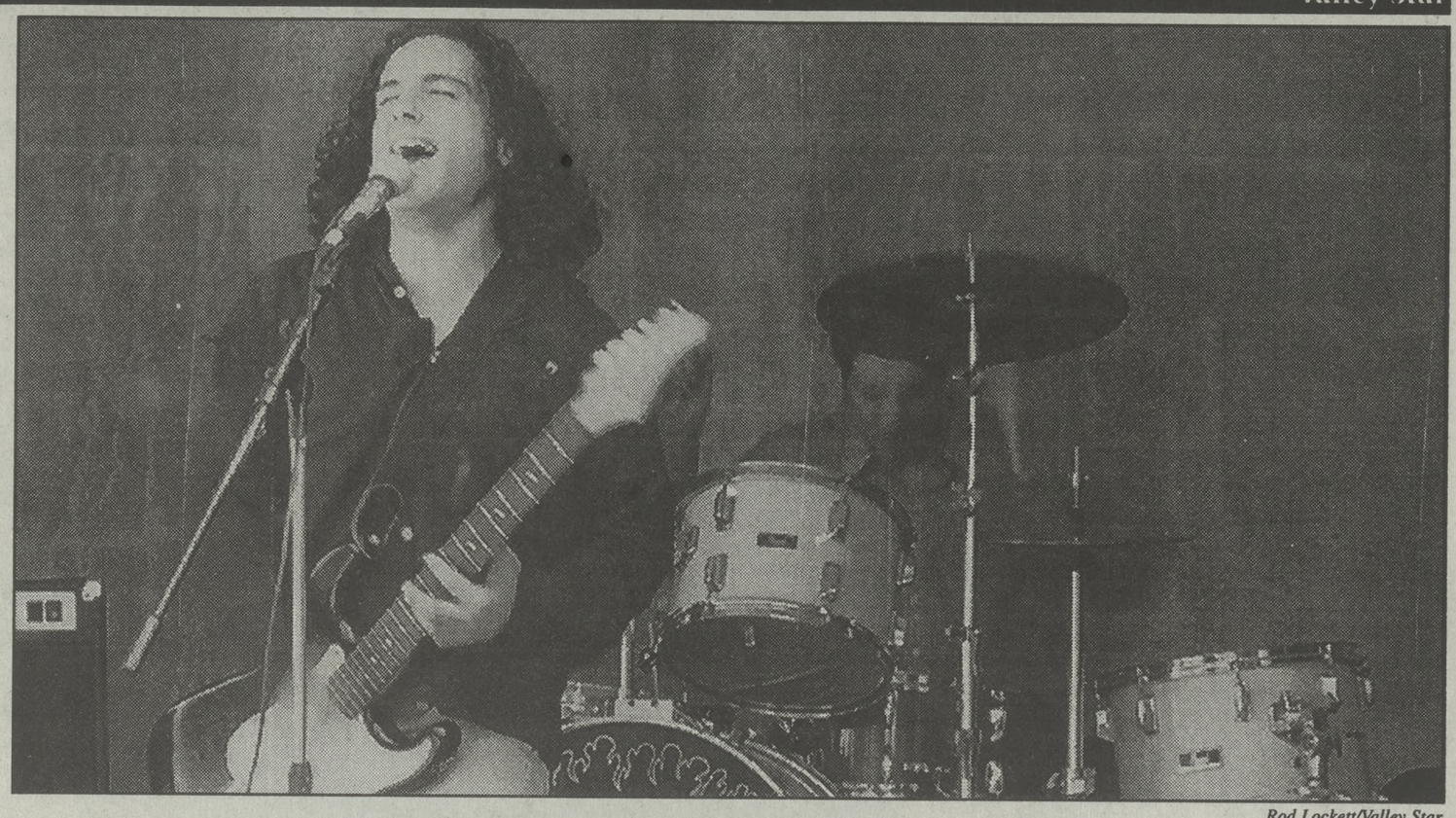
" POLYANNA is a completely new experience because of the people I have met," said Lau. "I feel really lucky to be a part of this mish-mosh of people."

Lead guitarist Rafael Moreira, shines in the song "Beautiful Girls," a song dedicated to all the beautiful women POLYANNA has seen while touring various college campuses.

Moreira seems to have a musical conversation with Courage while performing. The two of them have an uncanny way of playing off each other.

The Free Concert Series was created by ASU Vice President Norma Hans.

"I think they were too good of a band to play here," said Hans. "I hope people come to the future bands that will play on campus."



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POLYANNA's lead singer Courage sings with all his might while Drummer Jerry Vidal keeps the beat going at the Free Concert Series.

'Durang Durang' spoofs and delights

By JIM CARROZO
STAR REPORTER

The Theater Arts' production of "Durang Durang," presented Thursday and Friday at the Shoebox Theater, was like tripping through Universal's new "Freakz Maze," except the monsters were all part of the playwrights' private "Chamber of Horrors."

Christopher Durang's two short plays, "For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls" and "Nina In The Morning," bring forth tortured memories of broken dreams that have become comic nightmares.

The program advised the audience to put their minds in neutral for about an hour. What it didn't do was tell us how to get it back into drive.

Driving home I felt like the personal skeletons in my own dysfunctional closet had materialized in my car and wanted to go on a joy ride. Part of the reason they escaped was because the ensemble of actors were able to unlock the door.

If I wasn't in the mood for Halloween before seeing "Durang Durang," I sure am now.

Playing the Emcee in the prologue, Rick Maliwanag, with attitude, dance and unisexual playfulness, stylishly prepared the audience for the madness to come.

The first piece, "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls," used Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" as the inspiration for a gleefully twisted parody.

"Menagerie" is, by today's standards, overly sentimental, so it needed to be set free from it's institutionalized status as "Important Literature."

If this wacky, transgendered spin on the famous play doesn't do it, nothing will.

Heide Lynne Carofano played Amanda, who, armed with irony and cynicism, motivated the action on stage.

Each time she moved the show along, Arturo Rubio Jr., as her son Lawrence, all but stopped it. The gentle Laura of "The Glass Menagerie" will never be the same. In a "take no prisoners" performance, which the audience loved, Rubio took the play to its highest level of slapstick hilarity.

But there is more to this actor than physical comedy. There's a real personality that comes through and it will be interesting to watch him develop.

His Carrey-esque commitment to body slamming is impressive, but should he ask any pratfall artist from Red Skeleton to Chevy Chase what they think, they'd probably advise him, based on their own painful injuries, not to get typed as a fall taker.

As Ginny, the hard of hearing, public speaking lesbian gentleman caller, Lourdes Ontiveros brought a kind of wholesomeness to a part usually played as caricature, but she needed some fine tuning on the delivery of some of her lines.

I would speculate that the script is the problem in that the part sounds overwritten. The humor in her character comes from her deafness so it's a one-joke premise, and can easily be overdone. A few of the jokes were either redundant, predictable or too obvious to equal the standard set by the rest of the writing.

Rounding out the cast was Tim Rice as Tom, the parody persona of Tennessee Williams.

Understatement is one of Rice's strong points both here and in other Theater Arts' venues, and he effectively provided the laconic voice of reason amidst the chaos of his surroundings.

The second play, "Nina in the Morning" is a whole other story. To define this play would be to negate it's utter indefinability.

If nothing else, Durang had a mother right out of "Tales From the Darkside," who provided him with some of the most bizarre images I've seen this side of insanity.

Shannon Quaschnick in the title role was a frighteningly comic cross between Lucy Ricardo and Mommie Dearest. Alex Saavedra gave an off the wall performance as Nina's tri-personality son Robert, James and La La.

Rick Maliwanag did an excellent job as Foote, the "Quasimodo" type butler, cleverly contrasting his delicate work in the prologue by using his face and posture in ways reminiscent of Lon Chaney Sr.

Crisply telling the story of these mutants was Daniel Tuff as the narrator. A cross between Vincent Price and Geoffrey Holder, he set the ambitious pace that the other actors had to follow.

Working well in ensemble is difficult and requires a lot of sensitivity between actors and with the director.

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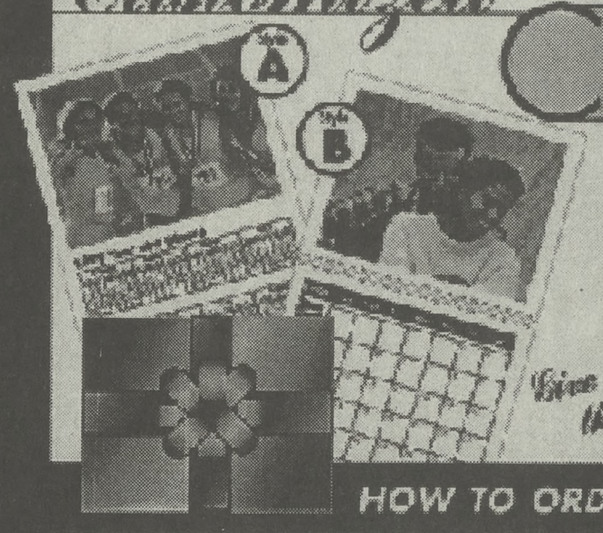

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Barajas favored to take state

■Running: Marisol Barajas is favored to win state if injuries stop nagging her.

By BAXTER CEPEDA
STAR REPORTER

Marisol Barajas has had an injury filled season but is still favored to win state after being champion in 1996 and not running in 1997 because Valley had no team.

"If I'm healthy I will win state," Barajas said. "Everything depends on my leg."

Barajas has dropped out of two races this year because of leg problems. She also dropped out of one race because she was feeling sick causing the Monarchs to lose those respective meets.

"I don't really get mad at her when she doesn't finish a race," Gretchen Lohr, women's cross country coach at Valley said. "I just talk to her and try to find out what is going on."

Glendale has been the team that Valley has been falling short to all year. In a meet at the beginning of the year in which Barajas ran, Valley lost to Glendale by 30 points.

But in the last two races Glendale has only beaten the Monarchs by 10 and 15 points respectively even though Marisol didn't complete the races which shows how much the team is improving.

Barajas said that its been very hard for her lately not being able to help out her team, especially with the Western State Conference Championship on the line.

"It's really hard when Marisol doesn't finish because the other girls are trying their best and are getting much better," Lohr said. "They know that all Marisol had to do in the last two races was finish and we would have beaten them."

After being state champion in cross country in 1996, Barajas was also state champion in the 1500m and 3000m during track and field season in 1997.

"I consider Marisol a leader and I think right now she is going through a tough time with her injuries and all," teammate Yadria Estrada said. "Although sometimes I get frustrated because we are all trying our hardest and she isn't always there to finish the race."

Lohr said Barajas was very much an all or nothing person. "If she doesn't think she will win the race she tends not to finish the race," Lohr said. "Making us sometimes think that she may be

Malik Rahsaan/Valley Star

Marisol Barajas, team runner.

faking some of her injuries."

Barajas shows up to every single workout and trains extremely hard, Lohr said. Her grades have also improved since her arrival at Valley.

"I believe that even if she hypothetically was leading the biggest race of the year and still had these injuries she would drop out of the race," teammate Brenda Estrada said. "If she doesn't it will kind of prove that she was never really injured."

Valley plans Halloween nightmare for Compton

By MICHAEL ROCHE
STAR REPORTER

Valley football will host Southern Divisional rival, Compton College, in a haunting battle at 7 pm. on Halloween night.

MONARCHS NOTEBOOK

Spooking the Tartars is their current 0-6 overall record, which places Compton dead last in their conference standings.

The Monarchs enter the game in second place for team passing, averaging 254 yards per game with 1,524 yards on the season, while Compton sits in a ninth place team passing defense, allowing 194.2 yards per game.

Compton's run defense is also suffering, surrendering more than 200 yards per game.

Valley has had a great deal of success against the Tartars, handing them six straight consecutive losses throughout the 1991-1996 seasons.

Plaguing both teams, however, is the excessive penalties each club continues to draw.

"I don't like as many yellow flags I see flying around," Gary Barlow, Valley head coach said. "So we'll make some adjustments on that account."

Quarterback Match ups:

Eric Holtfreter will go up against Compton quarterback, Jaquoby Ward, during Saturday night's game.

Holtfreter is coming off an explosive game where he threw for 386 yards and four touchdowns behind an improving offensive line.

Ward is also coming off a solid outing, where he threw for 198 yards, but fell in defeat to a 47-26 loss to L.A. Harbor.

WSC players of the week:

Holtfreter shares the award offensively with East L.A. quarterback Fernando Delgaadillo for his 386 yard, four touchdown performance against the Huskies on Saturday night.

The freshman from Quartz Hill High School completed 17 of his 33 passes.

WSC Highlights:

Monarch receivers, Dominic Early and Kevin Carlsen, each had an outstanding performance against the Huskies.

Early caught six passes for 117 yards and two touchdowns while Carlsen grabbed six, for an additional 172 yards.

Injury report:

Wide-out Acea Pickens suffered a shoulder separation during practice on Tuesday and will not play on Saturday.

ShowTime...

Magic's Hour

MAGIC TOPPIN

It was Dominic's revenge "part two" after the prolific wide receiver for the Valley College Monarchs had two touchdowns and more than 100 yards receiving in the game against East Los Angeles.

Dominic Early may be small in stature, but he makes it up with his fearless play on the offensive end. When he dropped two key passes in the final minutes in the game against West L.A., he was hurt. Tears flowed through his eyes at the end of the game.

However, being the warrior that he is, he got back up and had a phenomenal game against East Los Angeles. He cut his way through the defense with slick moves and a no fear attitude. Early did what others might not do. He showed up and played to his capability even though the two dropped balls lingered through his mind the entire week. As the go-to guy during the entire game, Early made diving catches and ran 20 extra yards when receiving short passes.

Early woke up and brought the whole team up to his level and seemingly dismantled the East Los Angeles defense.

HAMMER, from page 8

and messed around in the swimming pool.

"People would tell me you're a fast swimmer. You should be on the swim team or play water polo." Hammer said. "I picked up a water polo ball and started passing it around."

In tenth grade, at Hoover High School in Glendale, Hammer joined the boys jr. varsity water polo team. She has been playing water polo ever since.

"I'm taking things step by step," Hammer said. "First is jr. college."

Currently, Hammer ranks second in the state in leading goals. She hopes to play at a university, maybe winning a scholarship. When asked if she would go professional she said she wasn't sure at this time. Although, Hammer said, there are opportunities for women on a national team, and the 2000 Olympics is supposed to have a women's water polo team.

She is undecided on a college major yet she said she is leaning towards a business degree.

Other sports and things she likes to do are surf, ride dirt bikes and snow board. She also likes listening to music.

Being the captain of the team, she brings her skills "not by telling people what to do but leads by example," Hammer said. "Without the girls we have on the team, I wouldn't be where I'm at now."

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By CARLOS MENDOZA

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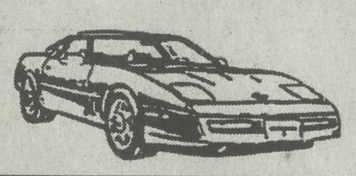

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West L.A. 34, L.A. Southwest 14
Allan Hancock 41, Glendale 22
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Canyons 46, Santa Barbara 18
L.A. Harbor 47, Compton 26
L.A. Valley 36, East L.A. 33
Moorpark 17, Santa Monica 14

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East L.A. at L.A. Southwest (1 p.m.)
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Glendale at Canyons (7 p.m.)
Compton at L.A. Valley (7 p.m.)
L.A. Harbor at Santa Monica (7 p.m.)

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Oct. 30 Citrus at Valley (3 p.m.)
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Nov. 13-14 Southern Cal Championships
Nov. 20-21 State Playoffs

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Dec. 1 Hancock at Santa Maria (7 p.m.)

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Nov. 14 Victor Valley at Valley (7 p.m.)
Nov. 19-21 Merced Tourney at Merced
Dec. 3-6 Sequoias Invitational at Sequoias
Dec. 10-12 L.A. Valley Tourney at Valley
Dec. 19 Hancock at Hancock (7 p.m.)

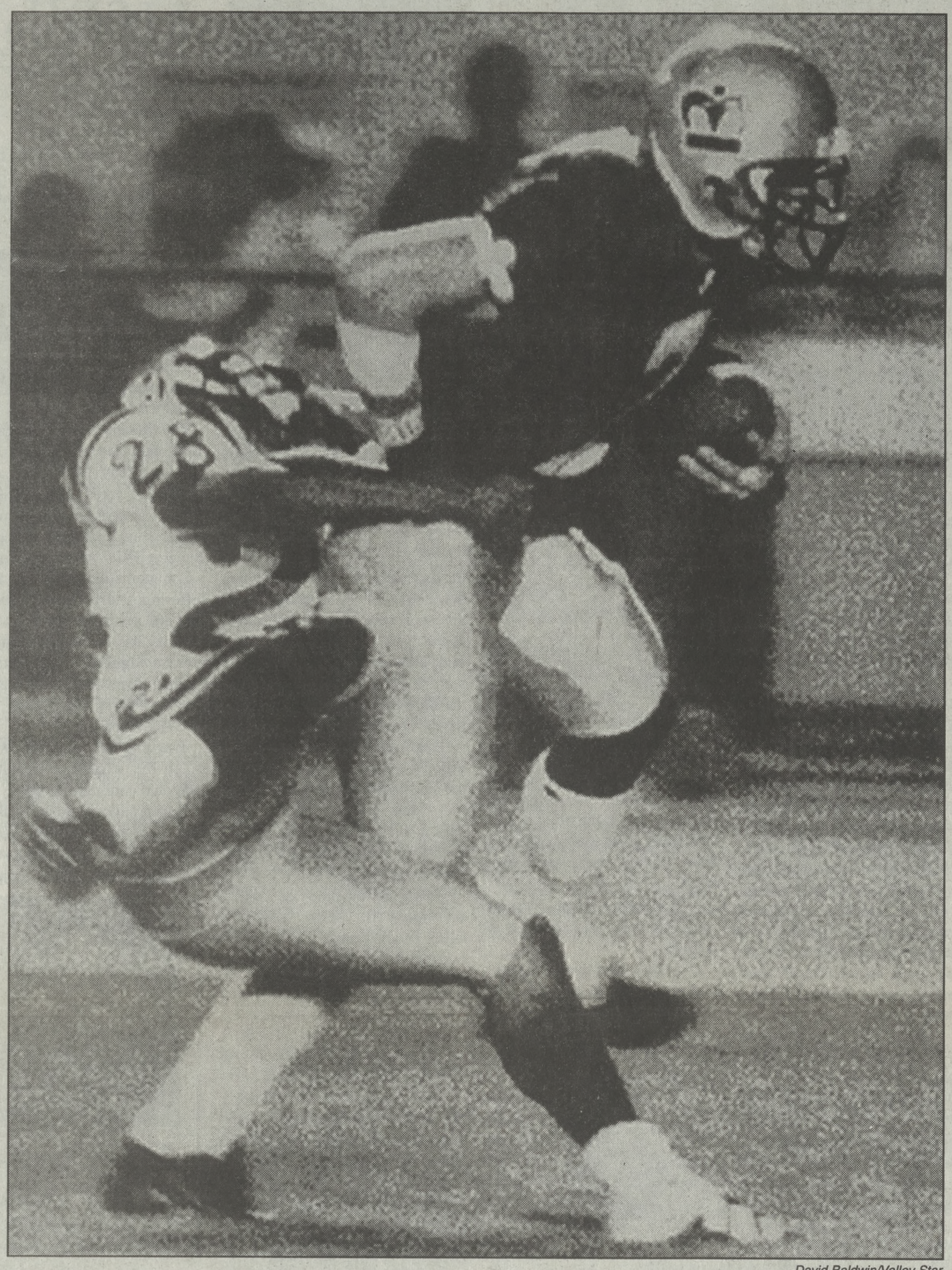
BASEBALL

The Valley Rockies scout team will host the El Monte Dukes at Valley on Saturday 11 a.m. The Rockies split their double-header Oct.24, beating East L.A. 8-7 before losing their second game 4-3.

TROUBLE

Michael Abraham, Cal State Northridge women's basketball coach, has been indicted for possession and conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, Wednesday. If convicted, Abraham, 39, faces a minimum prison term of 10 years and a maximum term of life.

Bringing it home...



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Monarch receiver, Kevin Carlsen refuses to give up after receiving a 54 yard pass from quarterback, Eric Holtfreter.

Early saves Monarchs late in game

■**Football:** The Monarchs came from behind to beat East L.A. during homecoming night on Dominic Early's diving fourth quarter touchdown catch.

By MICHAEL ROCHE
STAR REPORTER

Valley tamed an explosive Husky offense by beating East L.A. 33-30 at home in a Western State Conference Southern Division game Saturday night.

The Monarchs (3-3, 2-1 in WSC divisional play), jumped on top first 7-0, when Eric Holtfreter connected with Dominic Early for a 27 yard touchdown pass, but Valley quickly fell behind 20-7 with 13:35 remaining in the second quarter.

" Early laid in the middle. He came up big every chance he got," Gary Barlow, Valley head coach said. " I was really pleased with his play."

East L.A. (1-5, 0-3), racked up 20 consecutive points with touchdown runs by Thunder Collins and Larry Anglin before Quarterback Fernando Delgadillo found Ralph Dominguez for a 27 yard touchdown strike on a drive kept alive by a costly Monarch penalty.

A Special teams play for Valley denied the Huskies their extra point attempt when Jose Zamora blocked the ensuing field goal.

Holtfreter, who completed 17 of 33 passes for 386 yards, including four touchdowns, hooked up with Kevin Carlsen on a long ball for 54 yards that eventually set up a four yard touchdown toss to Billy Niemeyer, that closed the gap 14-20.

Shaun Avalos put the Monarchs back on top, 29-26, after scoring a 59 yard pass completion for a touchdown with only 2:07 remaining in the third quarter.

" It's a young people's mistake," Rick Gamboa, Huskie head coach said. " They don't look at the right things and they made some wrong decisions and it hurt us."

Delgadillo's one yard sneak recaptured the lead for East L.A., 33-29, on a seven play drive that began at their 35 yard line.

But it was Early, who had two touchdowns on the night, who secured Valley's victory when he completed a diving, 33 yard touchdown pass from Holtfreter.

The Monarchs won the game 36-33 and sent East L.A. home, packing a defeat.

" I saw a lot of improvement out there and I'm real excited about that," Barlow said. "East L.A. is a very competitive ball club and I'm excited to get back in the win column."

Monarch receiver, Early had six catches for 117 yards while Carlsen pulled in six catches for 172 yards.

Early and Carlsen have combined for 671 yards so far this season. At this rate, they should do well by seasons end.

It's Hammer time

■**Water polo:** Stephanie Hammer, captain of the women's team, ranked second in state for goal scoring.

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Stephanie Hammer likes to play hard.

"Water polo is an aggressive sport, and I like aggressive sports," Hammer said.

A native of Glendale, she has lived in the east valley all her life.

"I went into high school playing volleyball for a semester, but I really didn't like that." Hammer said. "Then I managed the swim team. I just took times for the swim team."

Shortly after, Hammer began hanging around the pool deck

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Stephanie Hammer fires a shot on goal in a Valley victory.

Hollywood's Corner:

Piazza delivery to NY

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Mike Piazza signed a $91 million, seven year contract with the New York Mets Monday.

Piazza, who last year turned down an $84 million Dodger contract for seven years, agreed to sign the contract which made him the highest paid baseball player in history.

Fans should be tired of these high paid athletes. Athletes are usually paid more than they should for what they do. Fans expect more from these athletes because of how much they are paid and they often end up mad at the athlete when their job is not done right.

The high salaries are not the team's or the owner's fault. It is the athletes greedy and selfish attitudes. Professional athletes have forgotten how much their sport means to them. They seem to have trouble remembering when they were young and dreamed of playing in the big leagues.

Piazza could have signed with the Dodgers last year when they offered him $12 million per season. Fans were tired of being reminded of how much Piazza wanted to play in Los Angeles when he was young. If playing in LA was really Piazza's dream he would have continued to live that dream by signing the deal with L.A. The deal would have made him the second highest baseball player ever paid behind Pedro Martinez, who is getting $12.5 from the Boston Red Sox.

Piazza will be paid $13 million a year for playing baseball. He will only play eight months of the year. After doing the math, it turns out that Piazza would get paid $35,616.44 a day, $1,484.02 and hour, and $247.34 for ten minutes that he might spend in the bathroom.

Baseball should go back to being the "nation's favorite pastime," and should not be the "nation's favorite business."

Fans should have one thing to say to the teams, owners and athletes. To the teams, fans should remind them that they can be a winning ball club without one big super star. To the owners, fans should tell them not to allow themselves to be managed by athletes. The fans should tell the athletes that they should be happy to be paid for something other people just do for fun!

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